

**Fremont Conservation Commission**  
**04-05-10 Minutes**



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**Minutes of April 5, 2010**  
Approved April 19, 2010

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Bill Knee, Janice O'Brien and Pat deBeer; and Alternate Leanne Minor.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

At the March 15, 2010 meeting Chrm. Karcz designated Alternate Leanne Miner to fill the vacancy until such time as the Selectmen have appointed someone to serve as a full Commission Member to fill that vacancy (allowed by NH RSA 673:12,III). This designation remains in effect.

**MINUTES**

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with favorable vote.

**OAK RIDGE**

At 7:00 pm Dennis Howland met with the Commission to share what he has found as a result of his wanderings in Oak Ridge. He submitted a report on "Exploration of Oak Ridge" and some GPS Maps and Google Earth photos which led to a lengthy discussion about the area. Mr. Howlands efforts will provide the foundation for additional future trails in Oak Ridge.

**GLEN OAKES**

Mr. Howland discussed Glen Oakes and the opportunity to link up the Island Road with Pikes Pass.

**TAKING ACTION FOR WILDLIFE**

**UNH CO-Op and NH Fish & Game**

Chrm. Karcz reported that the Taking Action for Wildlife potential regional meeting was held on March 30, 2010 at the Town Hall. Frank Mitchell and Amanda Stone had the same Taking Action for Wildlife presentation and overview that they did for the Commission's March 15, 2010 meeting. The next meeting will be on April 22, 2010 at the Fremont Public Library.

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### **ERLAC**

Mbr. deBeer reported the following:

1. There is an Exeter Study Group exploring what the effects will be if the Great Dam is removed and on April 29, 2010 there will be an open to the public discussion regarding an RFP for a study of the net impact if the entire dam is removed. Phillips Exeter is endorsing removing the dam.
2. The Exeter Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 on March 29, 2010 in support of ERLAC's nomination of the Exeter River from Great Brook to Great Dam and the Squamscott River to the RMPP.
3. Carolyn Matthews discussed the recent Town voter results in Raymond and her recommendation for using a question and answer format to inform voters.

Upcoming ERLAC events of interest:

- Tuesday, April 27th, 7pm - ERLAC meeting, Sally Soule presenting draft Fremont/Brentwood geomorph assessment
- Wednesday, April 28th, 7pm - Public meeting on river nomination in Stratham at the public library
- Thursday, April 29th, 7pm - Public meeting on Town of Exeter's RFP for a study concerning renovating or removing Great Dam, Exeter Town Hall
- Saturday, May 1st, 10am to noon - Vernal Pool workshop in Brentwood
- Tuesday, May 4th, 7pm - Public meeting on river nomination in Exeter at the public library
- Thursday, May 6th, 7pm - Public meeting on river nomination in Newfields at the town hall
- Tuesday, May 25th, 7pm - ERLAC meeting, Bear Creek presenting final Fremont/Brentwood geomorph assessment
- Saturday, June 19th, 10am - ERLAC/EMS kayak paddle at Gilman Park, Exeter
- Tuesday, June 22nd, 7pm - ERLAC workshop on Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zoning
- Saturday, July 10, 10am - ERLAC/EMS kayak paddle at Chapman's Landing, Stratham
- Thursday, July 22, 2010 4:30-7:00 pm - the Gundalow Company will be at Swasey Parkway for a Squamscott River Celebration

### **LAMPREY RIVER PROTECTION NOMINATION**

The Commission received a March 24, 2010 correspondence from James Hadley, Chairman of the Lamprey River Nomination Committee requesting that the Fremont Conservation Commission support their effort in the nomination of the remaining sections of the Lamprey River (including tidal), the North Branch River, the Pawtuckaway River, the North River, the Little River and the Piscassic River to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP).

The Members agreed that the Lamprey River and its major tributaries are special and deserving of their stewardship and they are proud to support the nomination.

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Mbr. deBeer made the motion to support the nomination of the above referenced portions of the Lamprey River for designation to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program as requested.

Motion seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote.

At 8:35 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), to discuss possible consideration of acquisition of real property.

Mbr. Miner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 5-0.

At 9:05 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to return to public session.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer and unanimously approved 5-0.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. Miner and unanimously approved 5-0.

#### **OPEN SPACE PLAN**

Mbr. deBeer reported that during a review of the Prioritized List of Lands to be Protected in the Jan. 25 draft of the Open Space report she found several errors and inconsistencies. Chrm. Karcz suggested that Mbr. deBeer send her findings to Julie LaBranche of RPC for her review.

#### **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

Received: From the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP); 1) The 2009 State of the Estuaries Report; 2) Piscataqua Regional Environmental Planning Assessment Report; 3) Assessment Form with data for Fremont; 4) Buffer Gap Analysis Map.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2010.

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Minutes as submitted by Chairman John Karcz

Meredith Bolduc

Land Use AA/Recording Secretary